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FM AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3470  
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA  
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AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 11566

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, ID  
SUBJECT: POLITICAL DETAINEES: VISIT TO BURU

REF: (A) STATE 054700, (B) JAKARTA 3042

1. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR HAS SHOWN CHARGE A COPY OF  
A TELEGRAM SENT CANBERRA REQUESTING GUIDANCE ON HOW TO  
REPLY TO POSSIBLE GOI INVITATION FOR AMBASSADORIAL VISIT  
TO BURU. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SIMILAR ADVICE.

2. ACCORDING AUSTRALIAN MESSAGE, ADMIRAL SUDOMO HAS IN-  
FORMED AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR THAT GOI PLANNING INVITE  
GROUP OF AMBASSADORS FROM COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED  
INTEREST IN DETAINEE QUESTION. GOI WOULD INVITE INTER  
ALIA AUSTRALIA, U.S., NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, FRANCE  
AND CANADA.

3. ARGUMENTS FAVORING ACCEPTANCE INVITATION INCLUDE:  
A) IF WE DECLINE, WE COULD BE ACCUSED OF INSINCERITY  
IN OUR OFT-EXPRESSED INTEREST IN DETAINEE ISSUE AND  
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FORFEIT RIGHT TO FURTHER COMMENT, ESPECIALLY RE BURU;  
B) FACT THAT TIMETABLE FOR RELEASE OF CATEGORY B DE-  
TAINEES HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AND THAT GOI NOW PREPARED  
OPEN BURU FOR INSPECTION IS, AT LEAST TO SOME EXTENT,  
IN RESPONSE TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES; C) FURTHER  
MOVEMENT BY THE GOI MIGHT BE ENCOURAGED; D) A VISIT  
WOULD PROVIDE SOME FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ON BURU WITH

WHICH TO ASSESS THE SITUATION THERE; E) AS LONG AS THE GROUP INVITED AND GOING IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE, THE U.S. NEED NOT BE PARTICULARLY SINGLED OUT.

4. ARGUMENTS AGAINST ACCEPTANCE INCLUDE: A) THERE WOULD BE PROBABLE GOI PRESSURE FOR FAVORABLE COMMENT; B) IT WOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON DETAINEE ISSUE. THE AUSTRALIANS ALSO FEEL THAT GOI MIGHT TRY PERSUADE VISITORS TO THEIR VIEW THAT BURU NOW LARGELY A TRANSMIGRATION CENTER FOR EX-DETAINEES.

5. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ACCEPTANCE BUT WANTS OPTION SEND OFFICER OTHER THAN AMBASSADOR.

6. AS IN CASE OF EARLIER INVITATION FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID (REF B), WE FAVOR ACCEPTANCE BUT AT POLITICAL COUNSELOR LEVEL, WHICH DEPARTMENT APPROVED (REF A).

7. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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